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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, PLANS DIVISION

SUBJECT: Comments Regarding Country Annex (Latvia)
to X-Day Plan

1. Subject plan is considered satisfactory except for the comments in succeeding paragraphs.
2. Appendices II, III and IV seem much too detailed and too long. It is suggested that they be shortened and condensed into one appendix.
3. It is believed that one statement, that of the President, is sufficient. At most, two statements should be issued; those of the President and the nearest military commander.
4. The message(s) should be much shorter, less rhetorical, and more quotable.
5. The position of the Latvians as our allies should be a main point instead of a parenthetical one as in the President's speech. The suggestion that the Latvians take it easy and not invite premature reprisals (statement by Commander-in-Chief, Europe) should be a main point and, if possible, coupled with a more specific and constructive suggestion, such as awaiting signal of leaders, pamphlets of instruction, etc.

[Acting Chief, EE]

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